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Good Cheer from the Enterprise bank staff... (Seated) Margaret Lindsey and James Barnes; (Standing, l to r) Ashley Wilks, Marie Martin, Tammy Rathburn, Rhonda Page, Dawn Evans, Myron Mandello and Theresa Kelley.



Season's Greetings from the New Brockton bank staff... (Left to Right) Sharon Caylor, Sherri Kelsey, Jennifer Henderson and Tina Wilson.

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Coffee County Commission holds final meeting for 2006

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Coffee County Commission met Friday morning, Dec. 22, for the regular bimonthly meeting.

Two commissioners, Jim Thompson and Bernest Brooks, were unable to attend.

A motion from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to hire a part-time consultant to look at the county's books, procedures and internal control drew a lengthy discussion from those present.

Dalrymple made the motion and received a second to hire Kathy Lolley to come in and look at the books, procedures and internal control. He said she could make recommendations to the commission regarding any needed changes.

Commissioner Robert Stephens quickly pointed out that it is against the law for the county to hire an auditor, and he asked for an opinion from county attorney Joe Cassidy regarding Dalrymple's motion.

Cassidy said the person could only be considered as a consultant making recommendations. He also strongly suggested the person be hired based on a contract for a certain length of time and certain salary with a defined job description.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion to table the issue to allow the commission, as a whole, to develop a better understanding of what is wanted from the consultant and a job description could be defined with specific duties.

Stephens received a second

from Commissioner J.L. Weeks, but the motion to table failed by a 2-3 vote. Commissioners Stephens and Weeks voted in favor while commissioners Dalrymple, Tom Grimsley and Linda Westbrook cast the opposing votes.

"Our chairman (Jim Thompson) is absent today, and I think this is something we all should have input on, especially the chairman," said Stephens.

Following this remarks, Stephens made a motion to table until all seven commissioners are present to offer input. He again received a second from Weeks, and the motion again was defeated by the same vote of commissioners.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said she did not believe anyone was trying to take advantage of two commissioners being absent from the meeting. Instead, she said she believes it is a good step forward in letting the people of the county know the commission is trying to keep everything in order.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks said it is his understanding that Lolley already has a full-time job, and he wonders when she could be available to complete the tasks the motion calls for the consultant to complete. Also, he said he does not want to see the county open itself up for any ethical violation.

Finally, commissioners voted on the motion made by Dalrymple to hire Lolley as a

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CITRUS OR CURTIS... Shuffle the letters and you can change from one to the other. Better still turn to page 4 and read a Coffee County success story on growing Satsumans in the Curtis community.

The Elba Clipper takes a look back at 2006 before entering 2007

JANUARY

Jan. 5, 2006 - As 2006 begins, fund raising becomes a top priority for the Elba playground project; New postage rates set to take effect Jan. 8th; Elba Board of Education (BOE) conducts special called meeting to fill faculty positions.

Jan. 12, 2006 - Christie Williams and her children, Jordan and Brinley, are injured in a one-vehicle accident on Lower Curtis Road in Elba; Officials continue to look at flood control in Elba as meeting reveals visions of extensive work in the old Beaver Dam Creek bed; Director of Enterprise Coffee Geneva Economic Development Corporation requests Coffee County Commission approve a tax abatement for Wayne Farms near the Jack community; Coffee County receives Storm Ready recognition from National Weather Service; During Elba City Council meeting, city clerk says city will take over garbage collection service at end of January.

Jan. 19, 2006 - Town of New Brockton memorializes the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with special services and walk of remembrance; Coffee County Sheriff's Department authorities arrest two following a report of theft at Phillips Ag Center in the Perry's Store community; U.S. Senator Richard Shelby addresses Coffee and Dale county residents in the the Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker; Partnership between Coffee County Schools and Liberty National Insurance allows fingerprinting of nearly 900 students; Wiregrass United Way exceeds goal.

Jan. 26, 2006 - Dorsey bankruptcy hearing suggest deal in the works with Colorado investors; Dr. Timothy Jetton opens general family practice in Elba; Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony at office of Dr. Timothy Jetton; Coffee County

Commission approves tax abatement for Wayne Farms; Demolition work at old Elba High School site hits snag as unexpected but necessary site preparation work revealed; Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey provides annual summary of department activity.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 2, 2006 - Positive DNA match confirmed by Pike County officials in 1993 murder case of Mrs. Edna Youngblood Reeves; Coffee County Meat Judging team places fifth at national competition; Elba National Guard troops return home from Iraq; Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Claves.

Feb. 9, 2006 - Accident on County Road 215 near the Zion Chapel community claims the lives of Jeremy Jackson and Amber Ogburn; Governor Bob Riley visits New Brockton High School promoting his education budget plan; Elba officials working to stop acts of vandalism; City of Elba recognizes Career/Technical Education Week.

Feb. 16, 2006 - Sale of Dorsey Trailers again postponed by bankruptcy court due to unsolved environmental issues; Garbage pickup transition reported to be smooth as city takes over service; Pike county officials reveal the identity of the suspect (Mason Alex Sims - deceased) in the 1993 murder of Edna Youngblood Reeves; Parks and recreation board agrees to sponsor Miss New Brockton pageants; Elba High School Class of 1957 makes donation to Elba Community Playground project.

Feb. 23, 2006 - Vandals continue to cause damage along walking trail of Elba's levee; Group of Elba citizens officially welcome National Guard troops home by treating them to a barbecue supper; Elba's Casey Medlock represents Coffee County at Alabama Junior Miss Scholarship program; Elba

police officer Gerald Stanley returns to work after completing military duty in Iraq.

MARCH

March 2, 2006 - Emergency personnel respond to the scene of a one-vehicle accident on Highway 189 N.; Elba City Council approves low bid on various recreation equipment; Coffee County Commission hears positive report regarding roll-off service; Boyd Deal joins Alabama Farmers Federation staff; Azalea Garden Club observes Arbor Day by planting crepe myrtle trees by the "Welcome to Elba" sign along Hwy. 87 (Troy Hwy.).

March 9, 2006 - New Brockton Police Chief presents warning ticket comparison during town council meeting; Elba State Michele (Cox) Gerlach named president and publisher of Andalusia Newspapers Inc.; A minor two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Claxton Ave. and the 203 bypass involves an 18-wheeler and U-Haul truck; Elba Police Department gets new School Resource Officer vehicle.

March 16, 2006 - Elba Police make several theft and drug arrests; Coffee County Commission hears that failed escape attempt at county jail results in need for some repair work; Sale of Dorsey Trailers to Colorado company seems to move closer to reality; Kelly Baxter, Barry Giles and James Barnes named to new positions at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County while retirement of Doris Matthews also announced; Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting ceremony for S&B Food Mart and Catty Corner Restaurant.

March 23, 2006 - Elba Fire Department responds to structure fire at 864 Washington Avenue in Elba; County Schools superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram presents proposed 2006-07 school calendar to board members; Alabama River Woodlands and Alabama River



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS REOPENS... The doors of The Jewel Box in Elba reopened recently under new ownership and with a slightly different name. Now known as The Jewel Box, Watch and Jewelry Service Center, the downtown business is owned and operated by Bob and Geneva Simpson. Mr. Simpson is a certified fine jewelry consultant, as well as, a certified mechanical watch repairman. The

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, in observance of New Year's Day. There will be standby crews for any emergency with street, sewer, water or electric. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage route will run as usual.

COFFEE COUNTY'S SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PROVIDER, ARROW DISPOSAL, will follow a special pickup schedule on this New Year's holiday. During the week of the New Year's holiday, there will be no pickup on Monday. All routes will move forward one day: Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday, Wednesday's route will be picked up on Thursday, Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday and Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday.

Elba Mayor James Grimes says high gas prices hurting city budgets; Qualifying ends for June's Democrat and Republican primary elections; County BOE recognizes teacher Carol Young for achieving status of a National Board Certified Teacher; Jack Parker reports good financial conditions; Terri Callaway Troncale, a member of a news team that received two Pulitzer Prizes, bears family ties to Elba; New Brockton Town Council reminds residents of trash pickup schedule; Joe Sawyer announces candidacy for State Senate; Dave Sutton announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County.

April 20, 2006 - Good Friday Prayer Meeting held on the square in Elba; Elba Schools superintendent Danny Weems reports good financial conditions; Terri Callaway Troncale, a member of a news team that received two Pulitzer Prizes, bears family ties to Elba; New Brockton Town Council reminds residents of trash pickup schedule; Joe Sawyer announces candidacy for State Senate; Dave Sutton announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County; Former Gov. Don Siegelman visits Elba to see the progress and results of the Elba levee rehab which began during his administration.

April 27, 2006 - Elba Elementary School students enjoy annual Field Day; Bid opening suggests garbage collection fees will need to increase for Coffee County residents; Elba Mayor James Grimes reports lower than expected sanitary sewer repair bills; University of West Alabama plans to bestow honorary Doctor of Laws to Representative Terry Spicer; Galen McWaters announces candidacy for District 3 seat of Coffee County Board of Education; Elba Mayor James Grimes signs a proclamation recognizing April 25 as National Red Hat Day.

May 4, 2006 - Elba High School Key Club members work on community service project at Folsom garden house on Putnam Street; Garbage collection service bid discussed by Coffee County Commissioners during work session; L.C. Cook

Elba named first place winner in the barbecue cooking contest during first annual New Brockton "Spring Fling" Festival; Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey receives 40-hour training certificate; Coffee County wins two Alabama Farm-Chowards.

May 11, 2006 - Coffee County Commission awards three-year bid for garbage collection service to Arrow Disposal; Friends of Elba Public Library working to raise funds to purchase microfilm reader/printer; Elba Police Department receives "Click It or Ticket" grant; Thomas Moore announces candidacy for District 3 seat of Coffee County Board of Education; Federal grant approved for Elba Airport Authority to help with additional runway approach land and the removal of obstructions.

May 18, 2006 - 2005 Miss America Deidre Downs visits Elba to speak with students; Ecstasy bust in Troy, Ala., land Kinston resident Lee Samuel Whigham in jail; Elba BOE approves 2006-07 school calendar; Officer Dean Blair presents Hero Award to Brinley Williams during Elba Elementary School's D.A.R.E. graduation; Nadine Scarborough addresses Elba Rotary Club to explain positive benefits of local schools joining with Troy University's program to improve math and science education in Alabama's public schools.

May 25, 2006 - Coffee County's annual Relay for Life held in Enterprise; Elba Board of Education renews three-year contract with Superintendent Danny Weeks; Coffee County Commission takes a step towards collecting old debt for county regarding solid waste collection service fees; Elba Chamber of Commerce event "Dining for Signs" raises funds for new welcome signs; Elba

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Each year as a tongue-in-cheek economic indicator, economists compute the cost of every item mentioned in the Christmas carol. *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. In 2006, the total of the "Christmas Price Index" is \$18,920.59, which is a 3.1% increase from 2005. Folks that is some hot, hot news you really needed to get through another day!

There was an upset visitor in Elba Tuesday! This well known (well, at least known) former resident was downtown early in the morning and looking forward to personally visiting one of the coffee clubs he had heard so much about in recent years. Alas, he found the building dark and the door locked. Not being satisfied to just sulk away disappointed, first he visited The Elba Clipper office and vented his frustrations and disappointment. Thus there was proof again that we can find something positive in almost every happening. Had the coffee drinkers not all decided to be absent on the same day, The Elba Clipper would have been short a visitor reminding about "the old days".

Our fudge running out remark last week of needing some more sweets got results. Actually two sources came forth with more of the chocolate . . . both family members. This is folks who should have known that our waistline didn't need the encouragement to expand even more! However our daughter hit first and was followed Christmas Day by a special tin of the delicious chocolate packed fudge from one of our daughters-in-laws. While we are aware of the dangers of overeating and weight gain, readers need to understand how well we learned the lessons from our raisin' by depression era parents and grandparents . . . not to waste any food . . . not to hurt feelings, etc., therefore we will make the painful sacrifice and try to eat it all!

All that carefree, tongue-in-cheek above is suddenly surrendered to a sobering moment after reading the story of a hungry 10-year-old girl of India's lowest Hindu caste who had all the fingers of her right hand chopped off by an upper-caste landowner for taking a few spinach leaves from his field. Today it is not our Mother's admonishment that "children in China are hungry so eat all the food on your plate." Today it is a hungry little girl in India who will be forever fingerless because she was hungry.

Upon reading the above horror story we had a rush of adrenaline and an initial impulse to find that cruel, selfish landowner and whack off his fingers . . . or better still . . . his head. However that would make us no better than that greedy man so we backed down to just being angry at such an injustice.

Happy New Year to all our readers!! It's gonna get better for everyone with hard work and God's Loving Grace.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for criminal mischief, one lost phone, one non-support, one private property accident, one discharging a weapon, two for theft of property, one assault, one harassment, one harassing communications and two for burglary.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for not wearing a seat belt, one for a suspended driver's license, two for speeding, one for no proof of insurance and one for only one headlight.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, DEC. 18 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3821 County Rd. 306 (11:18 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 884 Claxton Ave. (6:09 p.m.); Prowler reported near 961 Harper Dr. (8:42 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Johnson St. (9:55 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DEC. 19 - Domestic disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court (1:29 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire (cotton picker) on County Rd. 239 (1:50 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20 - Domestic disturbance reported at 344 Old Samson Rd. (6:48 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 21 - Elba Fire Department dispatched in response to a fire alarm at 2805 Taylor Mill Rd. (6:20 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire (woods) on County Rd. 514 (5:15 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) beginning Monday, Dec. 18, 2006, reported at Elba Villas, Apt. B8 (6:07 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 204 Plant Ave. (8:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 22 - Disturbance (fireworks) reported at the end of Johnson St. (8:28 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 733 Williams Ave. (4:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 513 (6:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1464 Reese Ave. (10:55 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 23 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 120 Private Rd. 1307 (7:47 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1110 Hickman Ave. (7:16 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 - Domestic disturbance reported at Lat 15 of Powell Circle (1:44 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1115 Simmons St. (11:49 a.m.); Accident (vehicle in ditch) reported in the area of Hwy. 189 S. and the 203 Bypass (6:30 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 920 Carver Dr. (7:15 p.m.); Fight in progress reported on Carver Dr. (7:27 p.m.).

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Santa Claus was spotted last week in Frisco City helping direct traffic. Highway worker Joe Buchanan, 57, of Elba said he likes to bring cheer to people. (Photo by Mike Qualls, The Monroe Journal, Monroeville, AL)

Mustangs and burros available for adoption

A special wild horse and burro adoption is set for Jan. 20-21 at the Mobile County Agri-Ed Pavilion in Mobile.

"A special selection of animals will be available to good homes for an adoption fee starting at \$125. There will be about 60 horses and 15 burros at this adoption including, geldings, mares, and yearling horses.

The wild horse adoption will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Jan. 20, with the remaining animals available for adoption Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. until noon. Animals can be viewed by the public on Friday afternoon, Jan. 19. The arena is just off Interstate 65 at 1070 Schillinger Road North. There is no admission charge.

For information and applications for the Mobile adoption, call 1-888-274-213. Potential adopters are asked to call early to be pre-approved to avoid waiting in line. You can also visit <http://www.wildhorseadoption.org> or <http://www.blm.gov/whb/> to get requirement information and download an application to become a qualified adopter.

While the adoption process is simple and straightforward, anyone considering adoption of a wild horse or burro should remember that the animals are wild and require gentling and training.

BULLETIN BOARD

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• **ALCOHOL & DRUG RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP** - every Tuesday at 6 p.m. - Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba - Call 897-307 for more information.

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 2nd Tues. - 7:30 p.m. - Sup. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Tues. of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd & 5th p.m. - Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - P.O. Polls, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

• **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

Sanders nammed to a national farm committee

Alabama farmers representing eight commodity areas as well as young farmers have been selected to serve on national American Farm Bureau Federation committees.

Producer leaders from Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Coffee, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Hale, Lee, Madison and Washington counties will serve one-year terms.

"We are proud that AFBF recognizes the leadership of Alabama's farmers and the importance of our state to the nation's supply of food, fiber and forestry products," said Alabama Farmers Federation President Jerry A. Newby, who also serves on the AFBF's Board of Directors. "Our farmers are some of the best and brightest in the nation, and we are confident they will make a positive contribution to the development of policies and programs to improve the profitability of their respective commodities. We are thankful they have this opportunity to work with other farmers from across the country on national issues."

Selected to serve on national commodity committees from Alabama included: Peanuts

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consultant. It passed with a 3-2 vote (Dalympole, Grimley and Westbrook in favor and Stephens and Weeks opposed).

Westbrook noted that Lolley had worked two years in the past for the county. She said Lolley is a CPA and did a good job while working for the county.

Commissioner Stephens said he would like to see the county have a financial officer and/or a financial office that is separate from the commission office.

Also during the meeting, Commissioner Stephens said the county had received an opinion from the attorney general regarding the county depository. He said the attorney general said the depository should be awarded annually by the year (Jan. Dec.).

With that in mind, Stephens offered a motion for proposals to be accepted for the year 2007. His motion indicated the proposals will be opened at the first meeting in January. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Sen. Richard Shelby plans visit to county

U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) will join the residents of Coffee County for a county visit Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at 4 p.m. The county visit, which is open to the public, will take place at the Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street in Elba.

Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda for the 110th Congress as well as important issues facing the nation and the state of Alabama. Following his remarks, Sen. Shelby will open the floor to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Sen. Shelby said, "Over the years, these meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for area residents to listen and voice their opinions on the activities of our government. This will be a great chance to discuss the important issues facing our state and our nation as the 110th Congress reconvenes."

Sen. Shelby has held over 1,300 county visits since being elected to serve the state of Alabama. As part of his commitment to Alabamians, Sen. Shelby holds a meeting in each county once a year.

Note of Thanks
The family of **Jeremy Bruce Parrish** wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all our friends for their prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits and love shown to us during his illness and death.

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Obituaries

COLONEL C.W. "BEAT" HALL

Mr. Colonel C. W. "Beat" Hall, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006, at Chipola Nursing Pavilion in Marianna, Fla.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006 at 11 a.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Richard Moss officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Level Community Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home Thursday, Dec. 28, from 10-11 a.m.

Survivors include a special cousin, Patricia McCoy, Grand Ridge, Fla.; a special friend: Pearl Carpenter, Elba; and numerous cousins.

GLADYS CARSON WILLIAMS WEST

Mrs. Gladys Carson Williams West, age 93, of Hoover, Ala. (formerly of Jacksonville), died recently.

Mrs. West was born in Liberty South Carolina. She served as a librarian at JSU, at Fort McClellan, and Elba Public Library.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at the Jacksonville Church of Christ, Jacksonville, Ala., with Allen Webster, Dick Szanyo and Bob Prichard officiating. Burial followed in the Greenlaw Memorial Gardens with K.L. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Center presiding.

Mrs. Smith was born December 3, 1920 in Coffee County to the late Sebe Catrett and Mollie Brown Catrett.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 2006, from the Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Cliff Quincey officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing. Donations may be made to Day Spring Hospice, P.O. Box 311246, Enterprise, AL 36331.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Smith; and one daughter, Cathy Smith Patterson.

JEWELL G. SMITH

Mrs. Jewell G. Smith, age 86, of New Brockton, Ala., died Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at the 2001 residence.

Mrs. Smith was born December 3, 1920 in Coffee County to the late Sebe Catrett and Mollie Brown Catrett.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 2006, from the Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Cliff Quincey officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing. Donations may be made to Day Spring Hospice, P.O. Box 311246, Enterprise, AL 36331.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Smith; and one daughter, Cathy Smith Patterson.

Survivors include her daughter: Carolyn Hussey Gibson (Donald), Montgomery; her son: Donald Robert Hussey (Shirley), a granddaughter: Angela Gibson Jones (Kenneth), Columbiana, Ala.; three grandsons: Donald Wade

Survivors include one daughter: Bobbie E. Pittman (husband John); New Brockton; two sons: Jimmy R. Smith (wife Debbie), New Brockton; T. Wayne Smith (wife Diane), Jack, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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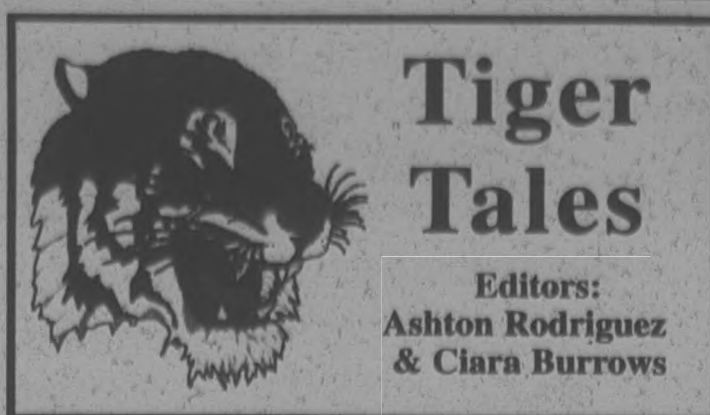
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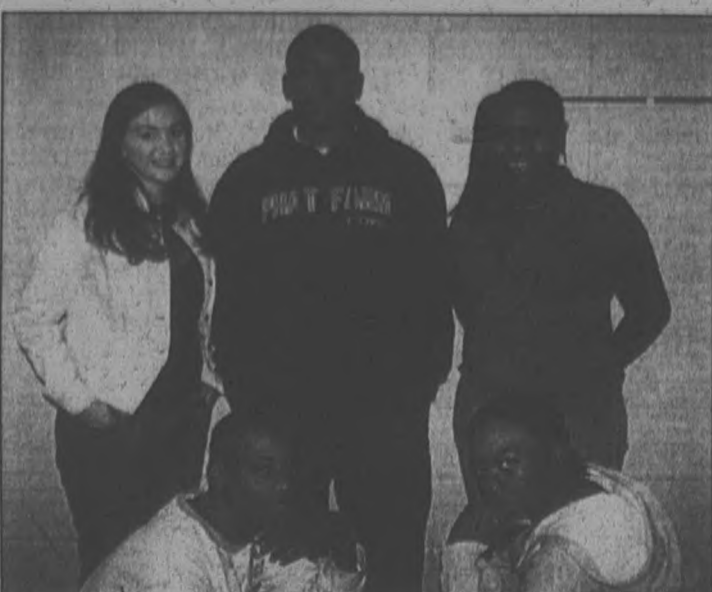
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Journalism Spotlight

by Melanie Mularz

This week's journalism spotlight is Brittany LaShawn Phillips.

Brittany is the 16-year-old daughter of Julene Phillips and Simon Benson. When asked what her favorite thing about journalism, she said, "Writing articles for the Tiger Tales."

Brittany's hobbies include spending time with friends and family, shopping and talking on the phone. When asked to describe herself, she said, "funny, loving, loud and easy."

Brittany plans to attend college and obtain a degree in physical therapy or sports medicine.



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Students complete semester as broadcast journalism producers

by Lauren McChung

Each semester, several students are selected to participate in the broadcast journalism program.

For 18 weeks, these students tape, edit and produce television shows that air to the toughest critics, their peers. The first semester's students were Whitley Kilcrease, Emily Driggers, Dancesha Jordan and

Tatiana Parker.

Each young lady produced her own show, complete with her own unique name: Buzzline, On Air with Em, Lady Tigers and E-L-B-A. At times they would combine shows to co-produce a holiday piece that would entertain the entire high school.

Everyone at Elba seemed to enjoy the shows produced by these students.

Annual Elbala pageants set for Saturday, Jan. 27, at Elba High

by Tierney Starks

The 2007 Elbala Pageant will be held Saturday, Jan. 27.

For the first time, the journalism staff, sponsor of the pageant, is inviting the past Elbala queens.

Junior high and high school students grades 7-12 voted on the five girls whom they would like to represent their class in the pageant. Also, for the first time, the elementary school, grades 4-6 voted; as well.

Other girls who would like to participate can pay a \$10 entry fee. These girls should contact Mrs. Bucklelew or a journalism member at the high school at 897-2266. Staff members are attempting to contact these ladies, but some addresses are difficult to locate.

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Elba Tigers play in tournament

by Ryan McCollough

The Varsity basketball team recently made the annual trip to Andalusia to play in the Andalusia Holiday Tournament. The Tigers faced three rivals during the tournament.

In the opening round, the Tigers played the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers played good defense and got shots to fall as they edged the Gamecocks 62-56.

The second round brought the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers never could get on track and lost 90-45.

Elba squared off against Opp in the third place game. The Tigers lost a close one 48-41.

Gavin Respress and Trey Belcher were named to the All-Tournament team.



DaNeasha Jordan



Emily Driggers



Whitley Kilcrease



Tatiana Parker

Elba High students and teachers make New Year's resolutions

by Erica Daniels

With the old year coming to an end, and the new year coming in, many people have made New Year's Resolutions. Here are some of the New Year's Resolutions:

Meagan Anderson - To go to the gym at least three times a week.
Justin Hammonds - To Love, To Live, and To Enjoy Life.
Ryan McCollough - To Have the most awesome second semester of school ever. Senior "07" baby!

Yoquesha Terry - To advance my ACT scores.
Kayla Rials - To keep my room clean.
Justin Williams - To work better at being punctual and more responsible.

Taylor Creel - To Have all A's.
Mrs. Adcock - To Try my best to be a better person.

New Year's resolutions are the easiest to make, and the easiest to break.



THE 2006-2007 FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM AT ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE was chosen recently. The organization of student orientation leaders must have a 2.5 GPA minimum and compete for selection with an application, role-playing, and interview. The students act as guides, direct get-acquainted activities, assist advisors in scheduling, and present several orientation workshops. Pictured on the first row from left to right are Whitney Donaldson of Elba, Emily Hardiman of Enterprise, and Jennie Wilkerson of Troy. On the second row from left to right are Ashley Rogers of Enterprise, Nikki Tinsley of Samson, Jennifer Johnson of Enterprise, Zane Hartzog of Arion, and Kristi Spinks of Elba. On the third row from left to right are Monique Trice of New Brockton, Tania Brown of Daleville, Matt Thompson of Enterprise, Ashley Christ of Enterprise, and Jennifer Insley of Daleville. On the fourth row from left to right are Shayne Sammons of Arion, Brandy Davis of Samson, Juan Starks of Elba, Rachel Davis of Enterprise, and Chelsea Weldon of Wicksburg. On the fifth row from left to right are Drew Culp of Ozark, Mo Odom of Elba, David Wellman of Enterprise, and Jamey Berry of Kinston. Not pictured are Amy Bowers of Kinston, Awilda Gonzales of Ozark, and Bridgette Kelley of Elba.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

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City Council votes to vacate Dunham Street.

JUNE
June 1, 2006 - Dedication ceremony held for new J.B. Taylor State Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba; County BOE approves long list of personnel recommendations; Northbound journey to find organic farms brings cyclists Chandel McAuley and Mike Jones through Elba.

JUNE 8, 2006 - Coffee County voters take to the polls for the Primary elections. New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole confirms that town is not the holdup on repairs to Tyler Street; Work begins on sewage system upgrade project in Elba; Jonathan Morgan takes oath as police officer in New Brockton.

JUNE 15, 2006 - Groundbreaking ceremony held for new building complex at Taylor Crossing in Elba; Coffee County EMS sponsors training exercise to help emergency personnel prepare for the "what if's" of infectious disease emergencies; Volunteer fire departments in Coffee County receive grant checks from Sen. Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer; Coffee County Commission appropriates funds for the Elba Adult Daycare Center to remain operational.

JUNE 22, 2006 - New law changes adoption requirements at Elba Animal Shelter; Town of New Brockton celebrates completion of a sidewalk enhancement project; Motorists help local fire departments "fill the boot" for MDA fund drive; State treasurer Kay Ivey visits Elba and announces listings on the unclaimed property database; Firefighters ask citizens to use caution during dry weather conditions.

JUNE 29, 2006 - County resident Dr. Rex Mixson asks county commission to consider his part of the county regarding emergency medical response time; Coffee County Commissioners vote to assist City of Elba with site preparation for the Elba Community Playground project; Tragic accident near Zion Chapel community claims the life of Prattville man, Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey said two cases of rabid animals confirmed; Confederate veteran Thomas A. Adams honored during ceremony at New Brockton cemetery.

JULY
July 6, 2006 - "Picnic for the Park" generates funds for the Elba Community Playground project; Chip Westbrook enjoys restoring Farmall tractors; Coffee County BOE holds special meeting to approve personnel matters; Ongoing drought forces 48 Alabama counties to be designated as primary natural disaster areas.

JULY 13, 2006 - Elba City Council votes to approve agreement with Coffee County EMA regarding mutual aid; Project updates given during New Brockton Town Council meeting; Coffee County's maintenance supervisor reports mulling of sprinkler heads at county jail to commissioners; County BOE adopts new salary schedule; Early morning fire at 714 Byrd Mill Road in New Brockton damages home.

JULY 20, 2006 - Dave Sutton receives Republican nomination as candidate for Coffee County Sheriff during Primary runoff election; Elba Police investigate burglaries at Kids Unlimited; Elba school officials looking forward to upcoming school year; New reading program proves successful at Elba Elementary School; Hot weather hits area with 100 plus temperatures.

JULY 27, 2006 - Routine audit reveals funds missing from Coffee County Solid Waste facility account; Representative from Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, N.Y. visits Elba for organizational meetings in preparation of build week for the Elba Community Playground; Elba Police arrest Francisco Patisio Florencio and Durey Ray Sims on separate sex-related charges; During Coffee County Commission meeting, Charles Lott, chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority, explains water rates.

AUGUST
Aug. 3, 2006 - During Elba BOE meeting, changes to student dress code clarified and new faculty members introduced; Future of Dorsey Trailers remains in limbo as Colorado company does not meet deadline for posting money with bankruptcy court;

Bid awarded for demolition and clearance project in New Brockton; New Brockton's Tyler Street project seems to be moving forward; Work begins to construct a fence at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

AUG. 10, 2006 - Zion Chapel School holds Academic Rally with Bobby Jon Drinkard (Survivor contestant) as guest speaker; New Brockton Town Council votes to offer bid for Armory building; Colorado company posts a portion of the funds for Dorsey Trailers facility; Ribbon cutting ceremony held at New Brockton High School celebrating completion of renovation project; Two Elba residents, Shannon Hooks and Brandon Wilson, arrested and face various charges in Covington County; Meet the Police weekly feature begins highlighting Officer Candi Stokes.

AUG. 17, 2006 - Teamwork by Elba Police officers and a concerned citizen leads to capture and arrest of two suspects; Cary Anthony Williams and Justin Dorsett Knight, for various charges including unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; \$1.6 million road project under construction on Lower Curtis Road/County Road 404 in Elba; Elba City Council passes resolutions and receives update regarding Elba Community Playground project; Coffee County Commission approves new architect for ZC Senior Center project; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Brian Lusher.

AUG. 24, 2006 - Bullock Fire Department receives \$3,000 for participating in Alabama Smoke Alarm Initiative; Elba's Brianna Bailey named Coffee County Junior Miss; Pine Level Senior Citizen Center holds domino tournament for seniors; Elba City School Reorganization Day observed in Elba; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Michael Adkison.

SEPT. 21, 2006 - Build week for Elba Community Playground arrives; In State vs. Richard Dale Taylor, charges amended from murder to assault, second degree; Elba Mayor James Grimes updates Coffee County Commission on status of Coffee County EMS; POW/MIA Recognition Day observed in Elba; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Michael Adkison.

SEPT. 28, 2006 - Head-on collision on Hwy. 189 N. in Elba seriously injures Michael Lee Messer and Hayward Lee Carpenter; Coffee County Commission votes to wait on setting new garbage collection fees; Elba Community Playground build week ends with opening ceremony; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Christy Wilson.

OCTOBER
Oct. 5, 2006 - New Brockton Town Council inspects new fire truck following monthly meeting; Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home and Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors annual Health Fair and Business Expo in downtown Elba; Elba Chamber of Commerce's "Haunted Jail" returns for more spooky adventures; Elba recognizes Public Natural Gas Week; Meet the Police feature highlights Sgt. James A. Dozier.

OCT. 12, 2006 - Congress announces approval of \$88.25 federal grant for Coffee County EMS in Elba; Several local fire departments respond to house fire on County Rd. 611; Elba Senior Citizens Center celebrates 30 years of service; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Robert W. LaVoie.

OCT. 19, 2006 - Fatal wreck on Hwy. 134 near Ino community claims lives of Wanda J. Smith and Billie J. Norworthy; Groundbreaking ceremony held on site for new Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center; Elba Police Department investigates shooting incident in alleyway; Bankruptcy court hearing regarding Dorsey Trailers results in another continuance; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Tim Jeter.

OCT. 26, 2006 - Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey testifies in Virginia murder trial of David Lee Barnes; Old Haunted Jail delivers frightful adventure; Coffee County Commission elects Jim Thompson as chairman; Book author and Elba native Bob Innes comes home for book signing; Meet the Police feature highlights Communications Officer Carmon Kilcrease.

NOVEMBER
Nov. 2, 2006 - Clearing of old Beaver Dam Creek bed begins in Elba; Farm Service Agency announces enrollment for pro-

gram; The Southeast Alabama Gas District issues rate decrease for customers; Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual Pumpkins on the Square; Local citizens get in on Halloween fun by "dressing up" for the day; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Dalton Francis and his K-9 partner, ChoCo.

NOV. 9, 2006 - Kinston Lady Bulldogs state champion volleyball team honored by Town of Kinston; Coffee County voters make their selections in the General Election; New Brockton Town Council honors the late Jim Driskell; County BOE elects chairman/vice chairman for FY2007; Meet the Police feature highlights Officer Richard Moss.

NOV. 16, 2006 - Residence located at 158 County Rd. 347 destroyed by fire; Tie vote keeps Coffee County Commission from placing county administrator Wilson Mobley on leave; Another Dorsey Trailers bankruptcy court hearing ends in delay as judge gives Colorado one week to post remaining funds; Farm City Week proclamation signed by local mayors and commission chairman; Ricky and Teresa Kidd of Jack Nelson; Meet the Police feature highlights Investigator Tony Harrison.

DEC. 21, 2006 - The Tim Flowers family featured as Elba's 2006 Christmas Family.

DEC. 14, 2006 - Newly elected Coffee County Board of Education members take oath of office; County Commission votes to sell old county board of education building in Elba to make way for Coffee County Roasters; The Peoples Bank of Coffee County announces promotions of employees Melanee Blair, Jennie Clark and Loette Nelson; Meet the Police feature highlights Investigator Tony Harrison.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

One Christmas tradition that has changed at the Mularz house is the one that had the girls peeking into the presents and then trying to repair the damage to the boxes before anyone would notice. I can remember years ago many of the presents would be almost ragged before Christmas morning, and then the girls would try and act surprised when they finally got the chance to open them for real. I straightened this year's gifts the other day, and while I did notice one or two presents that looked suspicious, I wrapped them both and that is probably the reason.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers continued their holiday victory drought last week with losses to Brantley and Opp, and have now lost four straight games to watch their record slip to 6-7. The Tigers have scored 43, 41, 33 and 39 points during the losing streak, and that simply isn't enough points to win, no matter the competition. One of the problems seems to be the fact the Tigers have no real half-court offense. Elba has good quickness and plays well on defense, but when it has to slow down and work for a shot, the players have a tendency to watch their teammates dribble, and not work to get open. Until the Tigers can develop an offense that can score points in the half-court, they will continue to struggle on offense and will see their losses mount.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers do have the potential to win some games, but suffered two lopsided losses last week as their record slipped to 1-9. While it is true the Elba Lady Tigers lack experience, they do have several girls that were on last season's area championship squad, and that should be enough to carry it to at least its share of wins. From the bleachers it looks like the girls expect to lose and don't really get upset when things go bad. Until the Lady Tigers play harder and play with more pride and determination the losses will keep on coming, and it will only get harder to turn things around.

*** While on the subject of the Lady Tigers, I am going to get on my soap box for a minute and comment on something that disturbed me at both of last week's games. As an Elba Tiger supporter and a parent of two daughters, I was upset last week to see the members of the team come up into the bleachers after their games wearing tank-tops and t-shirts. Most of the girls had on matching wind pants, but from the waist up many of the girls had on revealing tank-tops that showed off bra straps and lots of skin, or t-shirts that were imprinted with everything but Elba High. I know the girls were hot after their game and wanted to cool off. However, even after the game the girls were representing Elba High School, and in my opinion they didn't do a very good job of that last week.

*** New Orleans is called "The Big Easy," and that was exactly what it proved to be last weekend for the Troy Trojans as they clobbered Rice at the New Orleans Bowl. The Trojans jumped ahead early using its wide-open offensive attack, then let its defense come up with some big plays that never allowed Rice any chance of staging a rally. A crowd of almost 25,000 was at the game, with over half cheering for Troy, and whether you support the Trojans or not, it was a great win for the school and the community.

*** In closing... There is a lot of work going on at Elba High in its athletic department, and Tiger fans will certainly notice the next time they go to a game. The basketball court has been completely reworked and remodeled and looks as good as new, while the baseball and softball fields are scheduled to get a playing surface of crushed brick, as well as covered batting cages. The athletic facilities at Elba High are getting a new look, and just maybe the teams will have a new excitement when they return to the court, or field.

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Tiger record slips to 6-7

Elba losing streak reaches four games

Tigers roughed up by Brantley 67-33

The Elba Tigers traveled to Brantley last Monday night to battle the Brantley Bulldogs and never got anything going on either end of the court as they suffered a lopsided 67-33 loss.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 6-6, while Brantley improved its record to 4-2 with the win.

Elba went over seven minutes in the opening quarter without a field-goal, as Frank Morris and Trey Belcher both converted from the free-throw line for the Tigers only points of the stanza. The two points did the Tigers little good; however, as Brantley came out ready to play, and beheld the outside shooting of Thad Frazier and the inside scoring of Kevin Pitts the Bulldogs pulled out to a 15-2 lead with :54 still left on the clock. Elba's Jason Mitchell connected from behind the arc with :38 remaining to cut the lead to 15-5, but Brantley wasn't affected by the Tiger three-pointer and scored the quarter's final two baskets to open up a 19-5 advantage.

The Tigers' Gavin Reppress scored on a driving lay-up early in the second quarter, but the basket was the last points Elba would score for over three minutes as Brantley went on a 10-0 run to take a 31-7 lead with 6:17 left in the stanza. Reppress scored four points and Aaron Harrelson converted on two free-throws midway through the quarter to highlight a brief Elba rally, while Bobby Hudson drilled a three-pointer with 2:55 left in the half. Hudson's three-

pointer only helped the Tigers pull within 40-16, however, and at intermission the Bulldogs went in with a comfortable 42-20 lead.

Elba matched the Bulldogs bucket for bucket early in the third quarter as the pace slowed on both ends of the court, but two inside baskets by Brantley's Kevin Pitts sparked an 11-2 Bulldog run that allowed Brantley to move ahead 55-26 with 3:01 left in the stanza. Elba's Frank Morris scored on a fast-break late to snap the Bulldog run. However, Brantley never let up and carried a 61-29 lead into the final stanza after a late basket by Terry McClain.

Brantley extended its lead to 67-29 early in the fourth quarter, on an inside basket by McClain, but the Bulldogs then went into a stall and didn't attempt a shot from the floor in the final four minutes of the game and easily held on to hand the Tigers the 67-33 defeat.

Trey Belcher scored 7 points to lead Elba. Terry McClain and Kevin Pitts both scored 13 points to lead Brantley, while Wesley Person and Jeffery Daniels both added 12 points.

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Brantley (67): Person 12, Frazier 9, McClain 13, Tyson 4, Pitts 13, Bell 4, Daniels 12.

Elba (33): Hudson 3, Reppress 6, Mitchell 3, Harrelson 2, Bryant 2, Caldwell 2, Belcher 7, Morris 5, McBride 3.

Tigers drop road game to Opp 43-39

The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak reach four games Friday night with a 43-39 loss to the Opp Bobcats, in Opp. The loss dropped the Tigers' record to 6-7, while the Bobcats improved their record to 8-5 with the win.

Opp took command early and jumped out to a 4-0 lead, only to see Elba rally to score seven straight points as the Tigers moved on top 7-4 with :54 left in the first quarter. A basket by Jordan McBride got the Tigers on the scoreboard, while a steal and lay-up by Gavin Reppress gave Elba its first lead of the game. The Bobcats regained the lead at 8-7 late in the quarter, but the Tigers outscored Opp 4-1 in the closing minutes and carried an 11-9 lead into the second quarter after two late free-throws by McBride.

Opp scored the first four points of the second quarter to move back on top 13-11, and took its biggest lead of the half with 2:01 remaining in the stanza when the Bobcats moved ahead 18-12. A three-pointer by Gavin Reppress pulled the Tigers within 18-15 with 1:48 left on the clock. However, Elba managed to score a total of only four points in the quarter and at the half the Bobcats went in with a 20-15 advantage.

Elba's Quentin Caldwell scored four quick points in the third quarter to help the Tigers pull within 20-19, and Caldwell, who scored eight points in the stanza, scored again inside with 3:46 left in the quarter to pull Elba even at 26-26. Opp regained the lead at 30-26 with 2:31 remaining, but Elba staged a late rally, and led by the play of Gavin Reppress and Frank Morris closed the quarter with a 5-0 run to sneak ahead 31-30 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Bobcats scored the first four points of the final stanza to move back on top 34-31 with 5:15 left on the clock, and held the lead until the Tigers' Gavin Reppress drained a long three-pointer with 3:33 remaining to put Elba back in the lead 36-35. Opp scored the game's next five

points to take a 40-36 lead with :35 remaining. However, Elba refused to quit and pulled within 40-39, with :09 left on a three-pointer by Jason Mitchell. Opp worked the ball around the court as the final seconds went off the clock, and the Bobcats added a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Opp the exciting 43-39 win.

Gavin Reppress scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Reggie Jones scored 13 points for Opp and Donald Jones added 11.

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Opp (43): Edwards 2, Wilson 6, Jones 13, Barnes 10, Jones 11, Lacey 1.

Elba (39): Reppress 15, Mitchell 3, Caldwell 8, Belcher 4, Morris 3, McBride 6.

(JV GAME)

Elba's Kareem Siler drilled a long three-pointer at the end of the regulation to send the game into overtime, but the Tigers ran out of gas and players in the second extra period as the Opp Bobcats pulled ahead and held on to claim a wild 60-57 win.

Siler's three-pointer capped a furious fourth quarter rally to keep the Tigers' hopes of a road win alive. However, Elba was forced to play a "lost" entire second overtime with only four players due to foul problems and ended the game with only three players left on the court as they saw their record slip to 6-3 on the season.

Justin McLaughlin scored 17 points to lead Elba, while Kareem Siler scored 13. Donta Reynolds both added 11. Kurt Norris scored 21 points to lead Opp and Jontae Washington added 18.

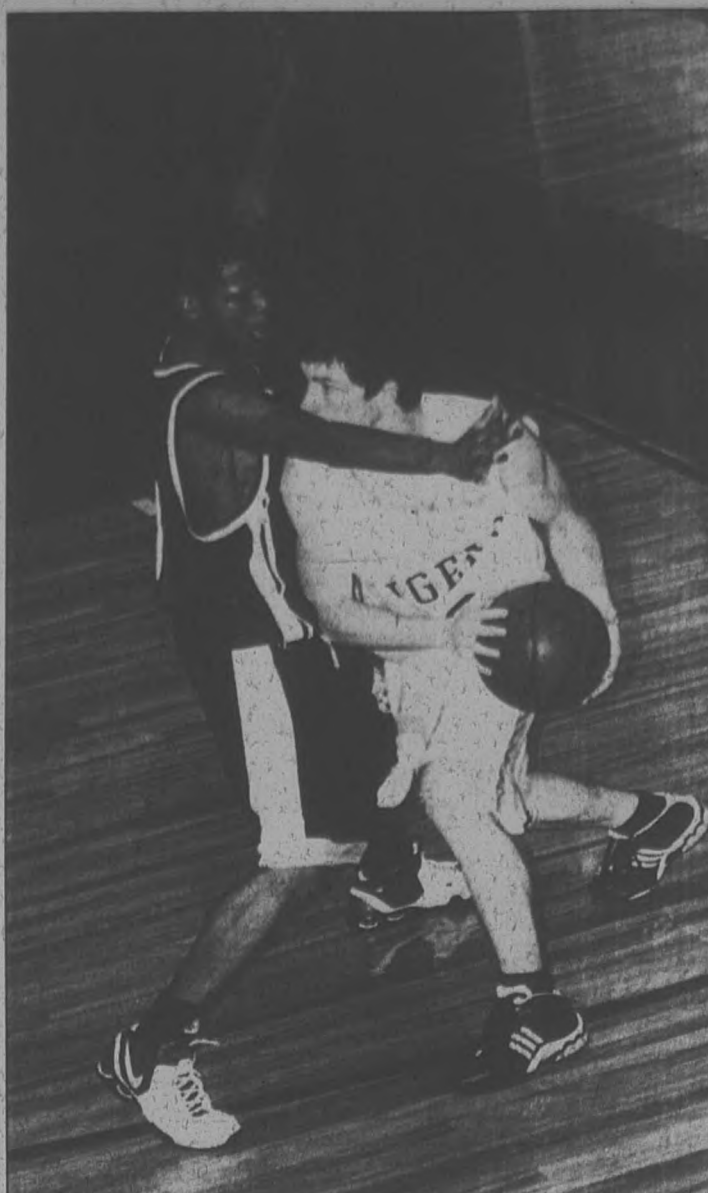
Opp (60): Hines 1, McCarty 13, Norris 21, Wade 7, Washington 18, Wilson 6, Wyatt 4.

Elba (57): Hammond 3, Cole 17, Siler 11, Reynolds 11, McLaughlin 17, Reed 6.

ELBA TIGER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 28
Bobcat Holiday Tournament, in Opp
7:30 - Elba vs. Opp

Tuesday, January 2
Highland Home at Elba (4:30) JV-VB-VG



Elba's Bobby Hudson (in white) attempts to drive past a defender in recent tournament action. The Tigers will hit the court tonight (Thursday) against Opp at 7:30 in the final round of the Bobcat Holiday Tournament.

(Laura Buxley photo)

Losses begin to mount as Elba Lady Tigers see record slip to 1-9

Lady Tigers fall to Lady Bulldogs 57-19

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their early season struggles last Monday night as they suffered a lopsided 57-19 loss to the Brantley Lady Bulldogs, in Brantley.

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a basket by Brandy Caldwell, but the Lady Tigers didn't score again for over seven minutes as Brantley used the outside shooting of Sherry Guilley and the inside scoring of Taronia Randall to real off 20 unanswered points as the Lady Bulldogs moved on top 20-2.

A driving lay-up by Elba's LaFondra Thigpen with :08 remaining in the first quarter snapped the Lady Tigers' long scoring drought, but the basket did little but change the scoreboard as the Lady Bulldogs opened the second quarter with a 15-4 run to grab a 35-8 lead with 1:05 remaining in the half.

Leanna Henderson scored both Elba buckets early in the quarter, while Sherry Guilley and Jessica Daniels drilled three pointers to help the Lady Bulldogs remain in complete command.

Brantley upped its lead to 47-15 midway through the third quarter on a basket by Elsha Person, but the Lady Tigers scored the final four points of the stanza as Brandy Caldwell and Leanna Henderson both scored from inside to cut the Brantley lead to 47-19 heading into the fourth quarter.

While the Lady Tigers struggled in the game's first three quarters, the fourth quarter was even worse as Elba failed to score in the period and watched as Brantley slowed down the pace and was content to simply let the clock run in the 57-19 win over the Lady Tigers.

Leanna Henderson scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Sherry Guilley scored 22 points to lead Brantley. Elsha Person added 11 and Taronia Randall scored 10.

Brantley (57): Guilley 22, Person 11, Walker 4, Allen 2, Daniels 8, Randall 10.

Elba (19): Henderson 8, Carpenter 2, Thigpen 5, Caldwell 11.

Lady Tigers no match for Lady Bobcats

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never challenged Friday night in a 51-22 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats, in Opp.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 1-9, while Opp improved its record to 8-1 with the win.

The Lady Tigers could do little right early in the game and fell behind 9-0 with 5:33 left in the first quarter, but did get on the scoreboard midway through the stanza and cut the Lady Bobcats' lead to 9-4 with 4:33 remaining on baskets by Leanna Henderson and LaFondra Thigpen. Opp scored the game's next 13 points to open up a 22-4 lead with :44 remaining in the quarter, and despite a late free-throw by Elba's Janae Canley, the Lady Tigers headed into the second stanza on the short end of a 22-5 score.

Opp emptied its bench for the first six minutes of the second quarter, but the change made little difference for Elba as they watched the Lady Bobcats remain in command and at the half the Lady Tigers went in trailing 30-12.

Elba cut into the Opp lead slightly midway through the third quarter and pulled within 35-19 with 3:45 left on a jumper by LaFondra Thigpen. However, the Lady Bobcats closed the quarter with an 11-2 run and blew the game wide open by grabbing a 46-21 advantage.

Both teams emptied their benches in the fourth quarter and play got a little sloppy as the two teams combined to score only two points over a six-minute span to open the period. Opp did score four points late in the quarter and at the final horn the Lady Bobcats had the win 51-22.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Kiara Henderson scored 13 points to lead Opp and Janie Foster added 10.

Opp (51): Harrison 1, Henderson 13, Stephens 8, Foster 8, Rhynes 4, Foster 10, Drew 5, Ellison 2.

Elba (22): Henderson 8, Craighead 2, Thigpen 10, Canley 1, Caldwell 1.

SPORTS

Kinston Lady Bulldogs dominate annual "Super 12" high school volleyball squad

The Dothan Eagle announced its "Super 12" high school volleyball squads last week and included in the small school division were three members of the state champion Kinston Lady Bulldogs, along with Lady Bulldog coach Janie Wiggins.

Kinston's Heather Marlowe, a junior, setter, was named the "Player of the Year" in the small school ranks, and helped guide Kinston to the state title as she recorded 92 aces, 65 kills, 385 digs, 870 assists and 28 blocked shots. She was also named the MVP at the Class 1A state tournament.

Also named to the honored list were Lady Bulldog teammates Jesi Johnson and Kaleigh

Sanders. Johnson, a junior, outside-hitter, recorded 44 aces, 219 kills, 32 blocked shots, 98 digs and 44 assists during the '06 season, while Sanders, a senior, outside-hitter, has a banner season with 52 aces, 236 kills, 11 blocked shots, 536 digs and 1 assist.

Coach Wiggins, who led Kinston to its first state championship since 1997, was the driving force behind the Lady Bulldogs and guided the team to a 39-5 record, including 21 straight wins to end the season.

"We set a school record last season for wins with 51," stated Coach Wiggins, "but fell short of winning the state title and it was disappointing. The girls did

not want a repeat of that happening again. The girls put forth a lot of effort in the off-season and some even tried to lose weight. That paid the price, but they did it to earn a championship."

Other members of the small school (Classes 1A-2A and private schools) included Kristen Simpson, senior, Northside Methodist; Madison Williams, junior, Emmanuel Christian; Rebecca Dowd, senior, Providence Christian; Lauren Snell, senior, Houston Academy; Christine Spivey, senior, Emmanuel Christian; Brianne Dollar, senior, Houston Academy; Alden West, senior, Providence Christian; Jackie Habron, sophomore,

Cottonwood; and Rachel Cary, senior, Providence Christian.

Named to the large school (Classes 3A-4A-5A-6A) were MVP Kaitlyn Stephenson, junior, Enterprise; Coach of the Year Angie Grimes, Andalusia; Amanda Paine, senior, Northview; Caitlin Edmondson, senior, Andalusia; Leslie Scott, junior, Geneva; Neysa Hernandez, junior, Enterprise; Kristen Holland, junior, Daleville; Nicole Ryeys, senior, Dale County; Ashton Bawner, senior, Rehobeth; Morgen Battey, junior, Andalusia; Akia Borders, sophomore, Carroll; Kortney Cooper, senior, Dothan; and Samantha Hicks, senior, Dothan.

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

Brantley Bulldogs clobber Goshen 71-47

The (5-2) Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy last Tuesday night in a 71-47 win over the Goshen Eagles. Thad Frazier and Wesley Person both scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jeffery Daniels added 12 points and 11 rebounds and Kevin Pitts added 10 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs outscored 61-55

The (3-2) Brantley Lady Bulldogs were outscored last Tuesday night by the Goshen Lady Eagles 61-55. Taronia Randall scored 21 points and Sherry Guilley added 16 to lead Brantley, while Zadosu Pollard led Goshen with 22 points.

Lady Gamecocks fall twice at Mizell tourney

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks competed last week in the Mizell Memorial Christmas Tournament, in Florida, and suffered two losses. The Lady Gamecocks were outscored by the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles 77-33 and the Florida Lady Wildcats 64-19. In the loss to Pleasant Home, the Lady Gamecocks fell behind 21-3 in the first quarter and never recovered. Valerie Hutcherson scored 9 points to lead New Brockton, while Pleasant Home was led by Krystal Lee with 20 points. In the loss to Florida, the Lady Gamecocks trailed only 16-14 at the half, but scored only four points in the second half and took the loss. New Brockton players named to the All-Tournament team included Alexa Adams and Valerie Hutcherson.

Area teams included in first prep basketball poll of season

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school basketball poll of the season last week and included among the teams in the "Top 10" were a number of area teams.

In the "Boys" division, the Enterprise Wildcats were ranked #9 in Class 6A, the Andalusia Bulldogs were ranked #3 in Class 4A, the Abbeville Yellow Jackets were ranked #1 in Class 3A and the Barbour County Jaguars came in at #6 in Class 2A.

In the "Girls" division, the Bufala lady Tigers were ranked #10 in Class 5A, the Ashford Lady Jackets were ranked #4 in Class 4A, the Calhoun Lady Tigers were ranked #4 in Class 3A, the Samson Lady Tigers were ranked #1 in Class 2A, the Geneva County Lady Bulldogs were ranked #4 in Class 2A and the Goshen Lady Eagles were ranked #9 in Class 2A.

Following are the "Top 5" teams in both divisions, in all six classifications:

BOYS RANKINGS
Class 6A
1. Jeff Davis, 2. LeFlore, 3. Tuscaloosa, 4. Hillcrest, 5. Gadsden City, 5. Sidney Lanier.
Class 5A
1. Williamson, 2. Butler, 3. Pleasant Grove, 4. Decatur, 5. John Carroll Catholic.

GIRLS RANKINGS
Class 6A
1. Jeff Davis, 2. Davidson, 3. Sparkman, 4. Bob Jones, 5. Tuscaloosa Hillcrest.
Class 5A
1. Ramsey, 2. Hartsville, 3. Arab, 4. Jess Lanier, 5. Athens.
Class 4A
1. Desher, 2. Midfield, 3. DAR, 4. Ashford, 5. Lawrence Co.
Class 3A
1. Pisgah, 2. Lauderdale Co., 3. Greensboro, 4. Calhoun, 5. West Limestone.
Class 2A
1. Sanson, 2. Cold Springs, 3. Sand Rock, 4. Geneva Co., 5. Section.
Class 1A
1. McIntosh, 2. Gaston, 3. Hazlewood, 4. Spring Garden, 5. Notasulga.

NOTASULGA GIRLS BASKETBALL RESULTS

Stat Report compliments of Coach Roland Bell and MaxPreps	Kimesha Jackson	1	2
Notasulga 63 @ Autaugaville 15	Alicia Nettles	2	4
Friday 12/22/2006	Jasmine Peala	1	2
School	Natasha Williams	5	8
Notasulga 15	Rebounds	18	
Autaugaville 2	Player Name	Total	
Scoring	Cheyenne Carr	10	
Player Name	Jasmine Drake	20	
GP	Rachel Foster	1	
2FGM	Brandy Harris	7	
FTM	Whitney Hugley	1	
Points	Kimesha Jackson	2	
Cheyenne Carr	Alicia Nettles	10	
Jasmine Drake	Natasha Williams	2	
Rachel Foster	Inez Williams	5	
Brandy Harris			
Whitney Hugley			

Brantley falls in finals at SEAC Tournament

The Brantley Bulldogs competed in the South East Alabama Conference Basketball Tournament last week at Goshen High School and posted one win and one loss to place second in the four-team event.

Highland Home won the annual conference tournament, followed by Brantley, Goshen and McKenzie.

Following are tournament highlights:

Brantley 89 McKenzie 54

The Brantley Bulldogs used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back as they claimed a big 89-54 opening round win over the McKenzie Tigers. The Bulldogs held a slim 17-14 lead after one quarter, but exploded for 31 points in the second quarter to open up a 48-30 halftime advantage and continued in with the lopsided win.

Kevin Pitts scored 38 points to lead Brantley, while Jeffery Daniels added 22 and Wesley

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The wild horse adoption will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Jan. 20, with the remaining animals available for adoption Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. until noon. Animals can be viewed by the public between 1 and 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19. The arena is just off Interstate 65 at 1070 Schilling Road North. There is no admission charge.

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by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Coyotes ranked as trophy by many hunters

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The Town of New Brockton will accept sealed bids for the purpose of letting a solid waste collection and disposal contract. This contract will be for a period of 3 years with the possibility of renewal for additional 3 year periods.

The town has approximately 466 residential accounts, 11 churches, 15 small businesses, and 4 large businesses under separate arrangement with contractor. Copies of the specifications can be obtained from the Town Clerk at the City Hall between the hours of 8:31 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., or calling 334-894-5283.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF SEALED BIDS: 5 P.M., JANUARY 5, 2007. The Town Council will approve low bid at Council Meeting on January 8, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

LINDA & STANLEY WARREN, Plaintiffs

vs.

JOHN MARCUS NEWBERRY DBA NEWBERRY CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING Defendant

CASE NO. DV-2006-045

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: Newberry Construction and Roofing, John Marcus Newberry, who's current whereabouts are unknown, and last known address as being 261 Brinson Airbase Road, Brinson, Georgia 39825

NOTICE OF CIVIL LAWSUIT

The Defendant, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Plaintiff's default styled Complaint for damages, fraud, and breach of contract, and other relief within 14 days of the last date of publication. Said publication is to run for four consecutive weeks beginning on December 21, 2006, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. DV-2006-045, District Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 19 day of December, 2006.

/s/ James M. Counts
Clerk of Court
Coffee County, Alabama

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Students complete Medical Coding Class offered by LBWCC-MacArthur Campus

Pictured are eight students who recently completed the Medical Coding Class offered by LBW Community College-MacArthur Campus in Opp. Front Row (left to right): Catherine Allen, Benita Smith, Maria Norris, and Evelyn Hallford. Back Row (left to right): Brandy Jacobs, Meghan Smith, Cynthia Abbey, Terri Imman, and Jenny Adams (Instructor). Registrations are currently being accepted for the Spring 2007 Medical Coding Class to be held January 9 - April 19, 2007 on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College in Opp. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Raymond V. Chisum Health Sciences Building, Room 103. This short-term training course is offered by LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division. The focus of this 15-week (60 hrs.) study course is learning the coding rules for the CPT, ICD-9-CM, and Level II (HCPCS) coding systems and applying the rules to code DRG, APC, RUGSIII. Coders abstract information from the patient record and combine it with their knowledge of reimbursement and coding guidelines to optimize physician payment within compliance. This course requires 10 hours per week study time outside of class.

Alabama farmers selected to serve on national American Farm Bureau Federation committees

Alabama farmers representing eight commodity areas as well as young farmers have been selected to serve on national American Farm Bureau Federation committees.

Producer leaders from Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Coffee, Dallas, Elmore, Geneva, Hale, Lee, Madison and Washington counties will serve one-year terms. During those terms, they will set priorities and make policy recommendations regarding their agricultural crops and enterprises.

"We are proud that AFBF recognizes the leadership of Alabama's farmers and the importance of our state to the nation's supply of food, fiber and forestry products," said Alabama Farmers Federation President Jerry A. Newby, who also serves on the AFBF's Board of Directors. "Our farmers are some of the best and brightest in the nation, and we are confident they will make a positive contribution to the development of policies and programs to improve the profitability of their respective commodities. We are thankful they have this opportunity to work with other farmers from across the country on national issues. Selected to serve on national commodity committees from Alabama included Peanuts committee, Carl Sanders of Coffee County and alternate Charles Turner of Geneva County.

Alabama Department of Public Health encourages everyone to get flu shot

In light of recent reports of severe influenza illness among children, the Alabama Department of Public Health takes this opportunity to encourage all persons to be vaccinated against influenza. Influenza vaccine can be administered to children as young as 6 months of age. "It is always disturbing to learn about severe cases of influenza, particularly those among small children," said Dr. Donald E. Williamson, state health officer. "I am encouraged that vaccine supplies should be ample for all those who seek vaccination, and I encourage persons to do so."

The public is urged to contact their local health care provider or county health department to inquire about influenza vaccine.



INTERVIEWED AND REPORTED BY: JIMMY L. HARRIS, JR. PHOTOGRAPH BY: JIMMY L. HARRIS, JR.

Wallace Community College conferred degrees upon 62 graduates from the respiratory therapy, associate degree nursing and practical nursing programs. The graduates included:

Practical nursing graduates: Elba: Adrienne Spires Associate degree nursing graduates: Elba: Lisa Jo McClung

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 4th of Jan. 2007 at 7 P.M. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honey-bee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe has new address

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama has relocated their tribal office to 140 South John Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351. The telephone Number (334) 894-0108 and the e-mail address is machis@centurytel.net. For additional information contact Chief James Wright or Vice Chief Nancy Camley.



*Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2006 and received by January 6, 2007. Online applications must be submitted before midnight on December 31, 2006.

BlueRx, which contracts with CMS, is a Regional Medicare Prescription Drug Plan brought to you by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama and BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee. It is open to all Medicare-eligible residents of Alabama and Tennessee. Participants must be entitled to Medicare Part A and/or enrolled in Medicare Part B. Limitations and copays apply. You must continue to pay your Part B premium.

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CMS Approval (12/06)

Kinston Athletic Club sponsors annual Miss Christmas pageants



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 0-11 Months Old age division included (from left): Breely Hayes, first alternate, and Annabelle Elise Thompson, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 12-18 Months Old age division included (from left): Natalie Jean Chandler, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Laikyn Reann Free, first alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 19-35 Months Old age division included Cassie Lynn Morris, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen and (not pictured) Taylor Michelle Teale, first alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 3-4 Years Old age division included (from left): Landra Nicole Free, second alternate; Emma Lisa McClung, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Caitlin Audrey Tisdale, first alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 5-6 Years Old age division included (from left): Emmy LeeAnn Reid, second alternate; Sydney Reinsour, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Callie Worthy, first alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 7-8 Years Old age division included (from left): Kaitlyn C. Richardson, second alternate; Ashton Holley, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Brianna Moore, first alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 9-10 Years Old age division included (from left): Addison Genita Archie, first alternate; Marley Shayne Jacobs, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Faith Hope Golden, second alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 11-12 Years Old age division included (from left): Brittany Smith, first alternate; Kelsey Paige Carney, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Callie Jade Brown, second alternate.



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 13-14 Years Old age division included (from left): Clara Smith, first alternate; Lindsey Meagan McClung, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen; and Sarah Bailey, second alternate.

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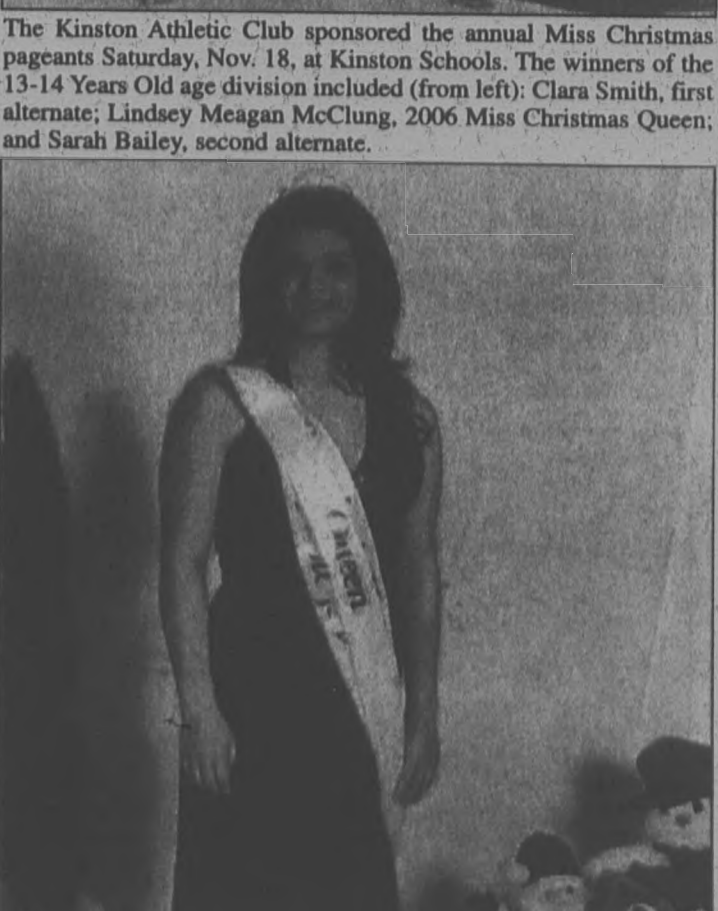
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The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the annual Miss Christmas pageants Saturday, Nov. 18, at Kinston Schools. The winners of the 17-18 Years Old age division included: Sarah Suzanna Schofield, 2006 Miss Christmas Queen, and (not pictured) Monica Rochelle Wilford, first alternate.